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- 1. BY THE END OF THE 1980S VENEZUELA EXPECTS TO HAVE INSTALLED THE FIRST OF 14 NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. THE REMAINING 13 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY THE YEAR 2000. THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY CAPTAIN JESUS A. TABORDA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF VENEZUELA'S NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, DURING A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH NEWSMEN.
- 2. CAPTAIN TABORDA STATED THAT PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN VENEZUELA ARE QUITE ADVANCED, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE EXPLORATION FOR RADIOACTIVE MINERALS. HE SAID THAT EXPLORATION WORK IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY. HE ADDED THAT EXPLORATION TEMS HAVE ALREADY GATHERED A FEW TONS OF URANIUM ORE WHICH, WITHIN A FEW MONTHS, ARE EXPECTED TO YIELD THE FIRST UNCLASSIFIED

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"PURIFIED" URANIUM EVER PRODUCED IN VENEZUELA. THE CAPTAIN

STATED THAT THE QUANTITY OF URANIUM ARE DISCOVERED IN SUFFICIENT TO SUPPLY VENEZUELA'S OBJECTIVES.

- 3. CAPTAIN TABORDA SAID THAT VENEZUELAN ENGINEERS ARE NOW IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION IN AUSTRIA WORKING ON FEASIBILITY STUDIES REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.
- 4. CAPTAIN TABORDA WAS INTERVIEWED AS HE WAS DEPARTING TO ATTEND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION SCHEDULED FOR IO DE JANEIRO FROM 21-29 SEPTEMBER. VAKY

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